Key Facts About the House Democrat Health Care Bill for the 5th District of Indiana -- Rep. Burton

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If You Like What You Have, You Can't Keep It: In October 2008, President Obama said, "If you've got health care already, and probably the majority of you do, then you can keep your plan if you are satisfied with it." The House Democrats proposal does not match this rhetoric.

- 2 out of 3 Workers Will Lose Coverage. Independent analysis by the Lewin Group shows that 2
 out of every 3 people would lose their current coverage, including <u>up to 114 million people</u> who
 receive health benefits through their employer or other current coverage if a government-run plan
 "competes" with private companies. Democrats on the Education and Labor Committee voted down
 an amendment to ensure Americans who like their current coverage can keep it by deeming existing
 group health plans as "acceptable" coverage.
- Eliminates Access to Individual Insurance Plans. Division I, Title I, Section 102 of the Democrat
 bill does not allow plans to sell individual coverage to new enrollees, which will ultimately eliminate
 these policies. Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee voted down an amendment to repeal
 the prohibition. As a result the 241,215 individuals in Indiana who purchase their insurance on the
 individual market could lose their current insurance coverage. (Source: Kaiser State Health Facts)
- Health Savings Accounts are not protected as "acceptable coverage." Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee actually defeated an amendment to clarify that the 8 million Americans---including 286,351 individuals in Indiana – could keep their HSA if they wanted to. (Source: America's Health Insurance Plans)

Medicare Services For Seniors Will Be Cut To Pay For Government Takeover: In order to pay for this government takeover of health care, Democrats have proposed cutting nearly \$500 billion in Medicare spending. For example:

- Payments for Medicare Advantage. Nearly 11 million seniors choose Medicare Advantage plans
 as the coverage that best meet their needs. Specifically, the Democrats have proposed cutting
 Medicare spending for the 15,259 seniors in the 5th District who are currently enrolled in a
 Medicare Advantage plan. (Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
- Payments for Hospitals. The hospital cuts in the 5th District could start at \$261.2 million and could be even more with the additional cuts to Disproportionate Share Hospitals and implementation of other policies in the bill. (Source: American Hospital Association)
- Payments for Skilled Nursing Facilities. Facilities in the 5th District could face a cut as much as \$187,431,028 when combined with other proposed federal regulations. (Source: American Health Care Association)